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SUBJECT: SMI/SFCP: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY OF MMSC

1. WORKING LEVEL OF MINISTRY HAS AGREED TO PROCEDURE FOR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FROM SMI/MMSC TO GOT/MINAG FOR USE OF INSTOP, WITH SELECTED LIST OF EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING PEUGEOT 504, TO BE TRANSFERRED TO SMI DESERT BIOME PROJECT. MINISTRY OFFICIAL REQUESTS, HOWEVER, THAT THREE ITEMS NO. 100-238 STEREOMICROSCOPE, NR. 100-264 CALCULATOR, AND NO. 100-419 IBM TYPEWRITER WHICH ARE ON BIOME LIST BE ALSO TRANSFERRED TO GOT. IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICER, NOVIKOFF HAS STATED THAT THESE ITEMS NOT ESSENTIAL TO BIOME PROJECT. GOT WISHES THAT USE OF PEUGEOT 504 BE RESTRICTED TO SENIOR PROJECT OFFICIALS, E.G., WAGNER, NOVIKOFF, AND WILL REQUEST UNDERTAKING TO THIS EFFECT FROM NOVIKOFF BEFORE AGREEING TO MATRICULATION OF CAR IN NAME OF BIOME PROJECT. EMBASSY COMMENT: SMITHSONIAN COULD HAVE NOVIKOFF AGREE TO USE OF 504 BY HIMSELF OR "VISITING AMERICAN EXPERTS," THUS MAKING CAR AVAILABLE FOR USE BY OTHER SMI PROJECTS, E.G., CORPUS OF MASOICS, ASOR. END COMMENT.

2. TO EFFECT TRANSFER, AMBASSADOR WILL SEND FOLLOWING LETTER TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: BEGIN TEXT - I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE ATTACHED INVENTORY OF EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS ACQUIRED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, ACTING THROUGH THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AND ITS PROJECT ORGANIZATION IN TUNISIA, THE MEDITERRANEAN MARINE SORTING CENTER. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO TRANSFER THE MAJORITY OF THIS EQUIPMENT, AS ENUMERATED IN LIST A OF THE INVENTORY, TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TUNISIA IN THE NAME OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1966 AND 1968 AGREEMENTS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERN-

MENTS, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TRANSFERRED EQUIPMENT WILL, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, BE USED BY THOSE AGENCIES OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, SUCH AS INSTOP, WHICH CAN BEST CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE ORIGINAL PROJECT IN OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH. AS THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION IS STILL ACTIVE IN TUNISIA, IT WISHES TO RETAIN SEVERAL SELECTED ITEMS, AS ENUMERATED IN LIST B OF THE INVENTORY, FOR THE USE OF AN ON-GOING PROJECT. THE ITEMS THUS RETAINED ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PROJECT ENTITLED "SYSTEMS ANALYSIS OF THE PRESAHARAN ECOSYSTEM OF SOUTHERN TUNISIA" (DESERT BIOME PROJECT) WHICH IS SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AND THE INSTITUT NATIONAL DE RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE DE LA TUNISIE. IN THIS REGARD, YOUR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED IN EXPEDITING THE FORMALITIES NECESSARY TO MATRICULATE THE 504 PEUGEOT AUTOMOBILE IN THE NAME OF THE DESERT BIOME PROJECT FOR THE USE OF THE PROJECT DIRECTOR OR VISITING AMERICAN EXPERTS. IF THIS ARRANGEMENT MEETS WITH YOUR APPROVAL, YOUR POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THAT EFFECT, ALONG WITH THIS LETTER, WILL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS AND A FINAL DISPOSITION OF MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN MARINE SORTING CENTER. END TEXT.

3. BELIEVE TRANSFER PROPOSAL NOW FORMULATED FULFILLS STIPULATIONS OF PERKINS/CASSE LETTER OF 17 AUGUST 1976. REQUEST BY IMMEDIATE RETURN CABLE A) AGREEMENT TO THREE ITEMS LISTED PARA 1 AND B) AUTHORIZATION FOR AMBASSADOR TO SEND LETTER OF PARA TWO TO GOT MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. KING

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